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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Global Issues

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FROM: David D. Whipple [redacted]  
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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation -- [redacted]

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1. As you know, we all are interested in encouraging terrorism analysts throughout the Community to work together as closely as possible. The DCI's Terrorism Analyst Network (DTAN) has been and is one successful way of doing this; a series of seminars, open to working analysts throughout the US Government, on terrorism problems in various geographical areas is another. Under the auspices of the Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism (IICT), which I now chair, the FBI not long ago organized and hosted one such seminar on Armenian Terrorism. The State Department did another one on the Italian Red Brigades. CIA's DO organized a third on 9/10 April on Iranian/Syrian Support for International Terrorism. Two DI analysts served as speakers/discussion leaders during that seminar. [redacted]

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2. As you also know, the DI took the initiative in organizing and leading a fourth seminar on 12 April in the Headquarters Auditorium on Terrorism in Latin America. Interest throughout the Community and the number of analysts who wanted to attend was so large (over 55) that we had to use the Auditorium rather than a smaller, more appropriate seminar setting. [redacted]

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3. The visiting participants and I owe thanks to [redacted] of OGI's Terrorism Analysis Branch who organized the whole affair and ensured that it ran smoothly throughout. I noticed that in addition to quietly discharging her organizational duties, [redacted] managed to meet and personally converse informally with most of the many visitors. She set a fine example for the sort of intermingling which I am trying to encourage. [redacted]

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4. I also thank you for allowing [redacted] who heads OGI's Instability and Insurgency Center, to commit the entire day to serving as seminar leader, introducer, and moderator. [redacted] kept firm but relaxed control of the program and arranged that the various presentations and discussions stayed on schedule

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while ensuring that everybody had a reasonable chance to ask and answer questions or otherwise respond to points made by the audience participants. His concluding wrap-up was cogent, brief but comprehensive, and well organized. [redacted]

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5. I would appreciate it if you would add your own well done to mine to them. [redacted]

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